



SILVER LAKE
(Figure Eight Pond)
Sidney and Manchester Twp., Kennebec County
U.S.G.S. Belgrade, Maine

Fishes

Brown trout
Brook trout
Smallmouth bass
Largemouth bass
Yellow perch

Minnows
Golden shiner
Blacknose dace
Hornpout (bullhead)
Banded killifish
Landlocked alewife

Physical Characteristics

Area - 29 acres

Maximum depth - 62 feet

Principal fishery: Brown trout

Temperatures:

Surface - 78⁰F
55 feet - 48⁰F

Silver Lake was chemically reclaimed in 1951 to remove several species of undesirable fish. Brook trout stockings were successful after reclamation and fishing was good for several years. Unfortunately the quality of the brook trout fishery deteriorated with the reinfestation of hornpout and yellow perch.

In 1965 a brown trout stocking program was initiated. Browns are a better competitor in waters containing other competency species. Brown trout continue to provide a quality fishery at Silver Lake.

Landlocked alewives were successfully stocked in 1966 to provide an additional forage species for the brown trout.

Smallmouth and largemouth bass have, in recent years, become established in Silver Lake. The quality of these fisheries is unknown, but it is believed that they will flourish.

A small trailered boat can be launched on the southwest end of Silver Lake located off the Summerhaven Road.

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